



## **CITY OF HAYWARD**

### **AGENDA REPORT**

AGENDA DATE 01/04/00

AGENDA ITEM 9

WORK SESSION ITEM       

**TO:** Mayor and City Council

**FROM:** City Manager

**SUBJECT:** Naming of Sensory Garden at City Hall in Honor of Alwine Fenton

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council adopt the attached resolution approving the naming of the Sensory Garden at City Hall in memory and honor of Alwine Fenton.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

Last month, the City Council adjourned its final meeting for 1999 in memory of Alwine Fenton. At that time, the Mayor requested that consideration be given to naming the Sensory Garden at City Hall in honor of Alwine Fenton.

In anticipation of requests to name or rename a City building, facility or public area in honor of particular persons, the City Council adopted guidelines to be considered when reviewing such requests:

1. Names of facilities in areas of the City with specific historical significance will reflect that perspective as much as possible;
2. Names of living persons will not be considered unless the person has done extraordinary service for the City over a long period that will stand the test of time;
3. Names of local and national persons be used depending on the location and use of the property;
4. A name should not have been previously used for naming a City building, facility, and/or public area.

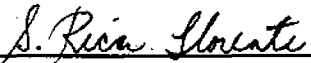
The request that is now presented to Council for consideration meets these established guidelines.

Alwine Fenton contributed to the greater Hayward community for over fifty years. She taught music in Hayward elementary schools from 1949 until her retirement in 1986, and inspired many young people to develop their talents and love of music. After her retirement, Alwine was active in the Eden Garden Club, the Friends of the Hayward Library and the Kaiser Hospital support group for heart patients. She organized and led tours to Bay Area musicals and gardens, and was an ardent supporter and patron of the arts. Through her work as co-founder, officer and director

of the Southern Alameda County Youth Orchestra, she introduced many children to orchestral and symphonic music. She also arranged concerts with the Classical Philharmonic Orchestra of San Leandro for thousands of children. Alwine played a very important role in the Hayward Arts Council and organized art exhibits at many Hayward locations, most notably at Hayward City Hall. In 1998, she was named *Distinguished Citizen of the Year* by the Hayward Lions Club.

Naming the Sensory Garden at Hayward City Hall in honor of Alwine Fenton will be a living memorial to a person who devoted so much of her life to promoting lovely gardens, inspiring music and beautiful art.

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Recommended and Approved by:

  
Jesus Armas, City Manager

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HAYWARD CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

Introduced by Council Member \_\_\_\_\_

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE NAMING OF THE  
SENSORY GARDEN AT CITY HALL IN MEMORY OF  
ALWINE FENTON**

BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Hayward hereby  
approves the naming of the Sensory Garden at City Hall in memory and honor of Alwine  
Fenton.

IN COUNCIL, HAYWARD, CALIFORNIA \_\_\_\_\_, 1999

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk of the City of Hayward

APPROVED AT TO FORM:

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City Attorney of the City of Hayward